

## **EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY**

in

*Natural Bristle Paintbrushes from China*, Inv. No. 731-TA-244 (Review)

On August 6, 2004, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to an expedited review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

The Commission received responses from the Paint Applicator Division of the American Brush Manufacturers Association (“Paint Applicator Division”), a trade association a majority of whose members manufacture, produce, or wholesale paintbrushes in the United States, and from the following six domestic producers: Bestt Liebco Corporation, Elder & Jenks, Inc., Purdy Corporation, Shur-Line, True Value Manufacturing, and Wooster Brush Company. The Commission determined that the responses were individually adequate. The Commission also determined that the responses were an adequate domestic interested party group response because both the Paint Applicator Division and the six producers collectively account for a significant share of domestic production of the like product.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. The Commission therefore determined to conduct an expedited review. A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).